

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presented herein is requested. Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 36 are amended. No new matter has been added.

**Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-4, 13-16 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,148,003 to Van Dort ("Van Dort") in view of U.S. Patent 6,353,847 to Maruyama, et al. ("Maruyama"). Claims 5-12, 17-24 and 32-39 are rejected as being obvious over Van Dort in view of Maruyama and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,546,454 to Levy et al. ("Levy").

Independent claims 1, 13, 25 and 28 are amended to emphasize that a resource is chosen, or selected, for processing a search query on the world wide web. Maruyama, Van Dort, and Levy, even in combination, do not disclose such a recitation. Van Dort relates to an audio communications network, Maruyama relates to a switchboard, and Levy relates to a virtual machine.

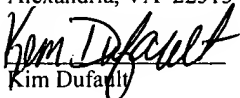
Consequently, Van Dort and Maruyama do not render the substance defined in claims 1, 13, 25 and 28 obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 2-12, 14-24, 26-27 and 29-39 are dependent from claims 1, 13, 25 and 28 and therefore include all the limitations of those independent claims. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested in light of the remarks above.

It is asserted that the present communication places the application in a form for allowance or in better condition for appeal. Entry is earnestly solicited.

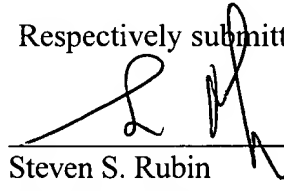
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